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Superintendents Must Devote Full Time.

State Superintendent Gilbert has announced a new ruling applying to county superintendents in which he says that all superintendents must devote their entire time to their duties and not engage in any "side-line" whatever. Those not complying with this rule will be required to resign from their offices.

School and College To Separate

Editor Clay City Times:

I am writing this as a matter of common interest to the people of Powell, and perhaps to many others interested in the education of our young people.

Mr. E. H. Fuller and myself went to Pittsburg, Pa., on the 10th of April last, to be present at a meeting of the Board of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, which has had the management of Stanton College since its inception to discuss with them the interest of the College and its influence in the county. After our visit, which was a very pleasant one, I received a letter from Dr. Hutchinson, the corresponding Sec. of the board, to as Sec. of the Stanton Graded School Board, in which he says, I am writing you as Sec. of Stanton Graded School Board, to state that our board has decided not to enter into any further contract or to accept the existing arrangements with your Board to use the Stanton College property or buildings for the Stanton Graded School District. Our Board has been forced to this decision by the question raised frequently and persistently as to the legality of the school district using the College building. However, I assure you this will in no sense interfere with the Stanton School District pupils enjoying the same privilege in the College that they have heretofore. We regret very much the necessity of this change, but we wish to express our hearty appreciation of the pleasant re-

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Ice Cream Supper For the Cemetery

The ladies of Clay City and vicinity will give an ice cream and strawberry supper at the Cassidy Building, Saturday night, May 20, 1916, for the Benefit of the Clay City Cemetery.

All are cordially invited and any one wishing to make donations of cakes or strawberries will please leave the same with Mrs. Jennie Russell, Mrs. J. H. O'Rear or Mrs. Hoyt Russell.

Revival

A revival commenced at the Stanton court house Wednesday night, services being conducted by Rev. R. M. Reynolds

Pearl's Company Ceases Operations.

Last Saturday a petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed in the Federal court at Covington against the Pearl's Company, which has been doing business here for some months past. No further steps have been taken at this time and the general belief here is that the work will be resumed as soon as a reorganization of the company can be effected.

A house across the river from town, occupied by the family of John Cuddy, and owned by Schooler Estes, caught fire Thursday noon and was only saved by the energetic work of the neighbors, who formed a bucket brigade. For a time there was considerable anxiety concerning Mrs. Cuddy, who is paralyzed and unable to move, but she was gotten out safely.

Association to Help Good Roads

The public meeting to take up the road question, which was called for last Saturday night, was well attended and the enthusiasm of those present made up for any lack of numbers.

After considerable discussion, during which Mr. J. E. Burgher presided as chairman, a motion was made to organize a "Good Roads Association," and this was carried out, Mr. Burgher being elected President and M. P. O'Mara, Secretary.

The following committee on resolutions was then appointed by the President: J. H. O'Rear, A. T. Whitt, L. W. Searles and R. G. Crabtree, and the following resolution, presented by them, were adopted as read:

WHEREAS, Powell County has so generously appropriated one-half of the bond issue, \$10,000, to the western division of the county, by resolution of the Fiscal Court at its meeting Feb. 20th, and certified same to Road Commissioner, R. O. Ferrell, who has endorsed the Order and advised that he will act accordingly. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1st, by this mass meeting of citizens, taxpayers, and good roads advocates, of the western portion of Powell county, that we most heartily approve of the Fiscal Court's action in this matter and every other measure for the improvement of our roads.

RESOLVED, 2nd, that it is evident that Powell county, with its roads, is unable to do justice to the roads needing improvement in this end of the county we therefore urge the formation of an association by the name of West End Good Roads Association, or some other suitable name, which Association may be men or The business of this Association shall be to systematically solicit the building of roads in the portion of the county, and to promote and protect the roads interests in any other way to the best advantage according to the judgement of those persons placed in control of the affairs of the Associations.

RESOLVED, 3rd, that upon the advice of Road Commissioner that our roads be graded this fall, and that all culverts be placed and the roads thoroughly dragged to avoid the expense of being rolled and at the same time conserving all the cash possible that this may be reserved to the largest extent for the application of metal, beginning next spring, we direct our actions along this line in full accord with the Road Commissioner.

RESOLVED, 4th, that the roads for improvement shall be locally designated as Clay City to Stanton road, 4 miles; Clay City to Winchester road, 6 miles; Clay City to Mt. Sterling road, 5 miles; Clay City to Irvine road, 3 miles; Clay City to Hardwicks Creek road, 5 miles. The first four roads are roads upon which the county asked for State aid, which has been accepted, the last named road being the most traveled in the county, we feel that it is entitled to an equal share of the \$20,000 set apart for this end of the county, and it is the sense of this meeting that they be let in on equal terms.

RESOLVED, 5th, that this meeting heartily approves of the good work being done by our efficient Roads Department at Frankfort and especially for the kind consideration and great interest shown in our Powell county roads.

RESOLVED, 6th, that these resolutions be presented by a committee appointed by the Chairman of this meeting, which shall bear them to the Court in open session at an adjourned

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Education Board Makes Statement

In discussing the actions of this Board in changing the boundaries and putting the Waltersville and Darlingsville schools—two second-class schools—together and making one good first-class school, it has been said that it was rushed through without one of the members being present and that the other three were misinformed, &c., &c.

We wish to state for the benefit and information of those who want to know the truth of this matter, that the change in these two districts was first discussed at the time we abolished the Copernicus Creek district, which school until one year ago, was being maintained by this county for the benefit and convenience of Clark and Montgomery citizens exclusively, except two families who lived in Powell who had children within the school age. Those people objected seriously when we abolished that district. They did not abuse the Board of Education and every one connected in any way with the school affairs of the county, but they protested severely. They were conscientious, sincere parents who saw that their children attended school, but were afraid that if the district was abolished neither county would be able to have them as convenient to the schools, on account of their unfortunate location with reference to other schools, as is the case in many instances in most every county, and if we had listened to their pleadings we would still be maintaining that school.

This Board appointed two members to go into the territory of Waltersville and Darlingsville, and they went in person and looked over the situation. Seeing the two school buildings less than one mile apart, neither anywhere near the center of either district, not a first-class school in that division, the smoothest part of the county, both buildings in need of repairs, and knowing that in a large school it requires teachers with first-class certificates, the pupils, teachers, patrons all manifest greater interest and for various reasons pertaining to the welfare of the people who live in that section and also the taxpayers all over the county, we decided to consolidate the line dividing these two districts.

It is perfectly natural for people who send their children to school to want a school convenient, but it is impossible to get it near every one. Our legislature had this in mind when it passed the law giving the County Board of Education FULL power to establish new districts or to change the boundaries of those already established. We have established a first-class school in that district and the people should be proud of it. While it is not the largest school in the county either in number of pupils or size of territory, still it is the first time that the First Division ever had a first-class district that demanded the services of a first class teacher, and we are sure that they will be pleased with the change after they have seen the advantages that it will afford.

It is true that one member of the Board was absent, having been called away on account of the illness of his grandson, but he knew that this matter was coming up and wrote the Chairman of the Board that he could not be present out would be satisfied with whatever action the other members took, and after he knew what action had been taken he concurred in the decision of the other three. When the petition was placed with the Chairman asking for a special meeting to reconsider the matter, stating their reasons, the members of the Board were asked if they wanted the call made and they stated that they did not as it would just cost \$12.00 to have the extra meeting, when it could be taken up at their next regular meeting, and that they had weighed the matter well before taking the action, had heard the reasons as set forth in the petition, and that they would not reconsider the action if called.

School Patrons Hold Meeting

A number of citizens of both the Waltersville and Darlingsville schools, the two schools recently consolidated, and the two largest schools in this division, met at the Waltersville school house last night to talk over the question of taking legal steps to annul the consolidation of these schools, which these citizens claim was effected without giving any regards to the wishes of the school patrons. They resolved themselves into a mass meeting. J. M. Smethers was elected Chairman and J. N. Burgher was elected Secretary. The following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the patrons, citizens and taxpayers of Waltersville and Darlingsville school districts, being apprised of the fact that the County Board of Education has consolidated the two districts here represented, without counsel of the patrons, and, upon petition for a rehearing that we may present our objections to the consolidation, we are arrogantly, insolently and despotically wholly ignored,—come together in mass meeting for the purpose of denouncing such autocratic government of our schools.

We resolve that in this consolidation it is the sense of those attending this meeting, that no reference was given to the needs of our children, but that

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This Board has at all times used its best judgement in administering the the school affairs of the county. We do not claim not to have made any mistakes. The man who never makes a mistake is the man who does nothing, but we have always managed to reach a unanimous opinion upon all questions and it has never been necessary to call on our Chairman, Mrs. Bohannon, to vote upon any question pertaining to the expenditures or changes of any boundaries in the county; hence, we alone are responsible and are perfectly willing to allow the public to judge as to the wisdom of our acts and we fail to find any trustee in the county who thinks that our schools are not progressing in their respective districts and we feel that they are the ones most capable of judging.

Below will show what two out of the thirty trustees, who have expressed themselves to us have to say, and the others just as favorable.

Albert Easter, } Members
John Kinser, } of Board of
J. E. Creech, } Education
C. A. Conlee, Sect.

"My attention has just been called to some statements in regard to the educational interests in the county, and the party publishing such statements certainly does not know the conditions in my district. As I am trustee in district known as Tin Town district, and have been interested in the schools for several years, I know that conditions are better here now than they have ever been and any statement that is detrimental to the present administration of the school affairs certainly meets with my hearty disapproval." (Signed) J. W. Boyd.

"I notice some stuff being published which I think all people in the county who are interested in the welfare of the schools should readily resent. Our school in the Bowen district, of which I am trustee, has never been in better shape. The people take more interest in the schools and we have the very best teachers, and any statement that the present management of the school affairs is not efficient, is surely misleading as far as my district is concerned." (Signed) Albert Ewen, Trustee.

STANTON COLLEGE.

Commencement Entertainments!

May 20---May 24.

PROGRAM:

Saturday May 20, 2 p. m. Primary Play
Sabbath May 21, 11 a. m. Baccalaureate Sermon
Monday May 22, 2 p. m. Music Recital
Tuesday May 23, 7.30 p. m. High School Play
Admission 15 and 25 cents
Wednesday May 24, 7.30 p. m. Graduation Exercises

Address by Rev. Dr. J. W. Tyler of Danville.

Remember the Dates

Saturday, May 20, To Wednesday, May 24

ALL FREE except the High School Play which will be 15 and 25 cents admission.